## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 256**

## By Dixie

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ramay W. Winchester on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Ramay W. Winchester is one such estimable person who has served with distinction under the administrations of four governors for the past twenty-two years with the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ramay Winchester will be taking a much-deserved retirement from her position as the Director of Tourism Initiatives for the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development; and

WHEREAS, throughout her more than two decades of public service, Ms. Winchester has served in a number of leadership positions within both the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Tourist Development; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Southeast Tourism Society's Marketing College, from which she received a designation of Tourism Marketing Professional, she was selected for inclusion in the inaugural class of the Certified Tennessee Tourism Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Ramay Winchester is an active and important part of her community and her profession; she served as a longtime member of the American Association of Retirement Communities, and she has championed the great State of Tennessee throughout the United States, promoting the State as a top visitor destination and a great choice for relocation and retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Winchester exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ramay Winchester has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Ramay W. Winchester our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.